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1. TEXT OF US REPRESENTATIVE'S STATEMENT MADE ON
APRIL 20, 1977 AT FIFTH ORDINARY PERIOD OF SESSIONS
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF OPANAL HELD IN CARACAS
FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: MR PRESIDENT, MR SECRETARY
GENERAL, DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES:

3. IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE AND AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE
HERE TODAY AS THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FIFTH
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ORDINARY SESSIONS PERIOD OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
ON OPANAL.

4. THE WORLD OWES A SPECIAL DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE
NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICA WHO, LONG BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF
OTHER REGIONS, HAD A UNIQUE VISION OF HOW TO KEEP THEIR
REGION FREE FROM THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR POWER, WHILE

OPTIMIZING ITS BENEFITS. WE ARE HERE TODAY AS A RESULT OF THAT VISION, AND OF THE DETERMINATION AND POLITICAL WILL WHICH MADE THAT VISION A REALITY. I AM VERY PLEASED TO NOTE THAT IN HIS RECENT SPEECH ON PAN-AMERICAN DAY, PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS FIRST MAJOR STATEMENT ON HIS ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA, CHOSE TO ANNOUNCE A MOST IMPORTANT US INITIATIVE CONCERNING THE TREATY OF TLATELOLOCO.

5. AS YOU KNOW, THE DAWN OF THE NUCLEAR AGE BROUGHT WITH IT BOTH A DREAM AND A NIGHTMARE. ON THE ONE HAND, NUCLEAR ENERGY SEEMED TO HOLD OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BOUNTIFUL POWER NEEDED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND FOR APPLICATIONS OF UNIQUE BENEFIT IN AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND MEDICINE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT SAME POWER COULD BE UTILIZED FOR THE MOST TERRIFYING DESTRUCTIVE PURPOSES. RECOGNIZING THIS FACT, THE US HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER THE FUTURE OF MANKIND UNLESS ADDITIONAL PROGRESS IN THE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAN BE MADE, AND MADE RAPIDLY. PRESIDENT CARTER PLEDGED IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TOWARDS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF ABOLISHING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. TO THAT END, THE US HAS RECENTLY PROPOSED GENUINE REDUCTIONS IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS AND HAS ALSO PLEDGED TO MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTING.

6. URGENT PROGRESS IS ALSO NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THE DANGER OF ADDITIONAL NATIONS ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH WOULD DO IRREPARABLE HARM TO THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AS PRESIDENT CARTER STATED IN HIS APRIL 7 MESSAGE ON NUCLEAR POWER:

INNER QUOTE: THERE IS NO DILEMMA TODAY MORE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE THAN THAT CONNECTED WITH THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. MANY COUNTRIES SEE NUCLEAR POWER AS THE ONLY REAL OPPORTUNITY, AT LEAST IN THIS CENTURY, TO REDUCE THE DEPENDENCE OF THEIR ECONOMIC WELL BEING ON FOREIGN OIL.... THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWER ARE THUS VERY REAL AND PRACTICAL. BUT A SERIOUS RISK ACCOMPANIES WORLDWIDE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER--THE RISK THAT COMPONENTS OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PROCESS WILL BE TURNED TO PROVIDING ATOMIC WEAPONS. END INNER QUOTE.

7. TO HELP DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION, THE PRESIDENT PLEDGED TO SET AN EXAMPLE BY DEFERRING INDEFINITELY

COMMERCIAL REPROCESSING OF NUCLEAR FUELS IN THE US,
BY RESTRUCTURING OUR RESEARCH ON THE US BREEDER REACTOR
TO EMPHASIZE ALTERNATE DESIGNS, AND BY LAUNCHING
A MAJOR DOMESTIC RESEARCH PROGRAM AND INTERNATIONAL EVAL-
UATION PROGRAM TO INVESTIGATE SAFER ALTERNATIVES IN THE
NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE.

8. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ALSO STRESSED THAT A MAJOR
GOAL OF HIS FOREIGN POLICY IS TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS
WITH THE GOVTS OF LATIN AMERICA.

9. IT WAS CLEARLY WITH THESE TWO KEY US POLICY GOALS
IN MIND -- IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA AND
STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO CONTROL PROLIFERA-
TION -- THAT PRESIDENT CARTER ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 14.

INNER QUOTE: WE ALSO HOPE TO WORK WITH ALL NATIONS
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TO HALT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES.
THE STATES OF LATIN AMERICA TOOK THE INITIATIVE
TEN YEARS AGO WHEN YOU SET UP THE FIRST NUCLEAR-
FREE ZONE IN ANY POPULATED REGION OF THE WORLD. THE
TREATY OF TLATELOLCO IS A MODEL WORTHY OF OUR
ADMIRATION. FOR OUR PART, THE US WILL SIGN,
AND I WILL ASK THE SENATE TO RATIFY PROTOCOL I OF
THE TREATY. HOWEVER, BANNING THE SPREAD OF
NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES DOES NOT REQUIRE GIVING UP THE
BENEFITS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. WE
MEAN TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ALL OF YOU ON NEW
TECHNOLOGIES TO USE THE ATOM FOR PEACEFUL
PURPOSES. END INNER QUOTE.

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10. THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION WAS TAKEN IN THE BELIEF THAT BY OUR ACTION, WE WOULD HELP TO BRING THE LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE FULLY INTO EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE REGION. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE OTHER STEPS NECESSARY TO BRING THE ZONE FULLY INTO BEING CAN BE TAKEN BY THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

11. THE US, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TREATY AND OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION, IS DETERMINED TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS DESIGNED TO EXPAND UPON OUR PAST RECORD OF COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES IN THE REGION IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE PEACEFUL BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWER CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICA, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME AVOIDING THOSE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD TEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RISKS OF NUCLEAR POWER BEING USED INSTEAD FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.
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12. IN PARTICULAR:

-- WE CONTINUE TO BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION AND TO BE A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL EXPERTISE AND EQUIPMENT AT US EXPENSE THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

13. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, THE US IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL MEANS OF ENHANCING OUR MUTUAL COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR AFFAIRS. MUCH THOUGHT HAS BEEN GIVEN, FOR EXAMPLE, TO THE

POSSIBILITY OF REGIONAL APPROACHES TO MEET REGIONAL NEEDS.
LATIN AMERICA, WITH ITS COMMON HERITAGE AND HIGHLY DEVELOPED
REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS MAY PRESENT A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO
EXPLORE SUCH REGIONAL SOLUTIONS.

14. WE EXPECT THE PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUGGESTION OF AN
INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM WHICH WOULD
STRESS THE SEARCH FOR LESS DANGEROUS APPROACHES TO NUCLEAR
ENERGY WILL BE TAKING SHAPE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE HOPE
THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL SUPPORT THAT ENDEAVOR,
AND WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE VIEWS OF THE
STATES OF LATIN AMERICAN INDIVIDUALLY OR THROUGH SUCH
ORGANIZATIONS AS OPANL AS TO WHAT SHOULD BE THE SCOPE AND
NATURE OF SUCH AN EVALUATION PROGRAM.

15. PERHAPS US COOPERATION WITH THE PARTIES TO THE
TREATY OF TLAHELCO WILL TAKE TANGIBLE NEW DIRECTIONS
NOT FORESEEN AT THIS TIME. BUT CLEARLY THE TIME
HAS COME FOR DIALOGUE AMONG US ON HOW NUCLEAR COOPERATION
CAN BE EXPANDED IN WAYS WHICH WILL PROVE OF MAXIMUM
BENEFIT TO US ALL. IT WOULD BE OUR HOPE THAT PRESIDENT
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CARTER'S DECISION TO SIGN PROTOCOL I CAN THUS BE SEEN NOT
ONLY AS A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO THE TREATY OF TLAHELCO,
BUT ALSO TO OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR COMMON INTERESTS IN
BUILDING A MORE PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS WORLD. END QUOTE.

16. TEXT OF RESOLUTION APPROVED APRIL 20 AT FIFTH
ORDINARY PERIOD OF SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
OF OPANAL IN RESPONSE TO US DECISION TO SIGN
ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

TAKING NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE FACT THAT
THE GOVTS OF THE NETHERLANDS AND GREAT BRITAIN HAVE
SIGNED ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I;

TAKING NOTE WITH EQUAL SATISFECTION, AS WELL, OF
THE FACT THAT THE GOVTS OF GREAT BRITAIN, THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FRANCE AND CHINA HAVE
SIGNED ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II, AND

HAVING TAKEN COGNIZANCE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE
14TH OF APRIL 1977 BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE OAS, THAT
HE HAS DECIDED THAT HIS GOVT WILL SIGN ADDITIONAL
PROTOCOL I.

RESOLVES

1) TO EXPRESS ITS SATISFACTION OVER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PROXIMATE SIGNATURE OF ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

2) TO RECOMMEND TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT HE TRANSMIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AMERICA, THE GRATITUDE OF THE OPANAL GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED DECISION.

3) TO REITERATE THE ENERGETIC APPEAL TO THE GOVTS OF FRANCE AND THE SOVIET UNION THAT THEY PROCEED TO SIGN AND RATIFY THOSE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE THAT THIS ZONE BE FORMED IN ITS TOTALITY AND PROTECTED AGAINST THE VICISSITUDES POSED BY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

4) TO ASK THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD OFFICES THAT, WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, IT INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS RESOLUTION. END QUOTE.
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